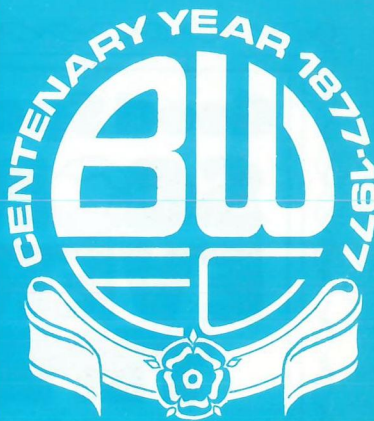
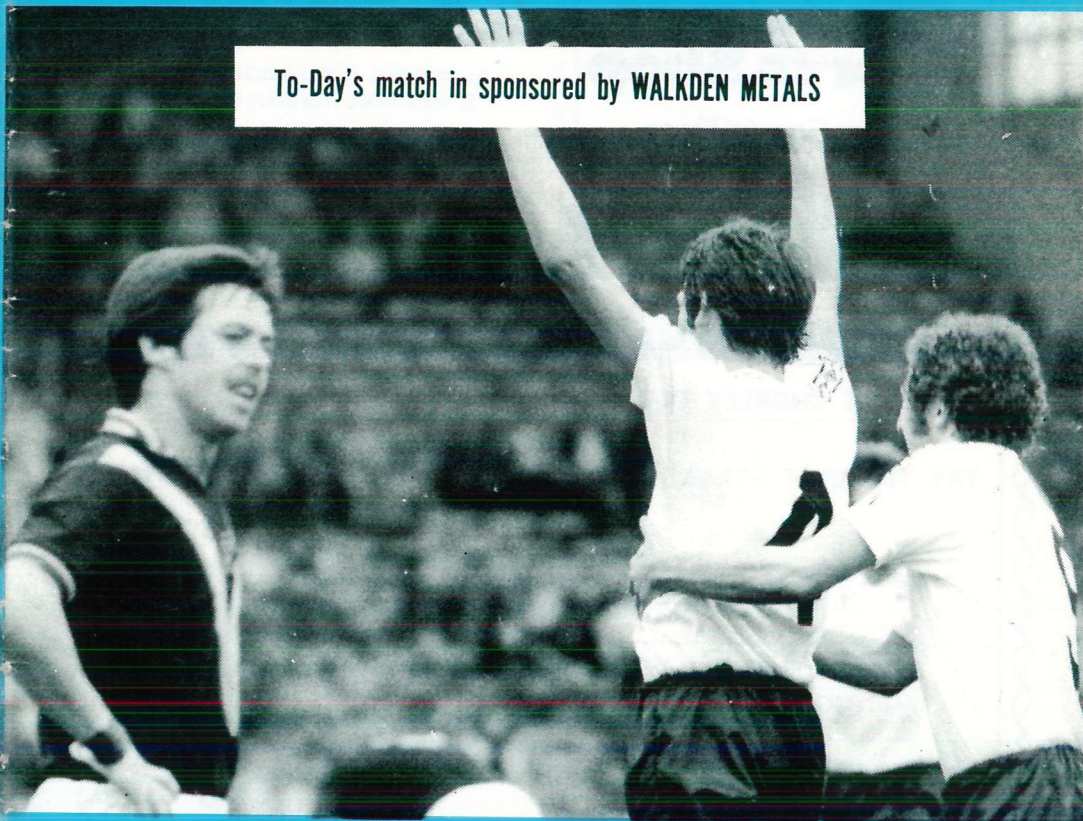


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I don't want to make an issue about it, but neither the players nor myself have been satisfied by our performances.

We are all delighted at starting the season with a couple of victories, something we didn't do last season, but results simply aren't enough.

The pattern and relaxed style of play that we showed to such good effect last season haven't been seen yet this season, but I am sure that when things settle down they will come.

And, of course, as you will have noticed we have been trying an experiment of using two wingers, Peter Thompson and Willie Morgan.

The reason for this is that we need to try out new ideas all the time and now seems a good chance for us to work on it.

*The Front Page picture is by courtesy of the Bolton Evening News*

After the Burnley game we worked just as hard as if we had lost to sort out our pattern.

And after the Millwall game I didn't need to say anything to the players. They sat in the dressing room and were full of ideas of how to put things right.

That's a very healthy sign and it makes my job and that of assistant manager George Mulhall a lot easier.

Against both Burnley and Millwall there is no doubt we were the better side and deserved to win, but we shouldn't have let Millwall fight the way back into the game after our two goals in two minutes during the second half.

It seems odd, perhaps, to hear a manager being unhappy after two victories, but sometimes results aren't everything.

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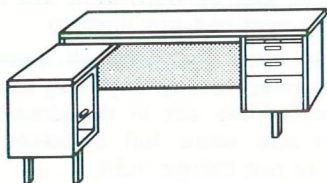
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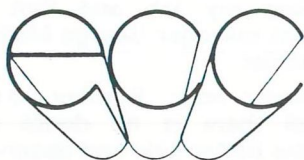
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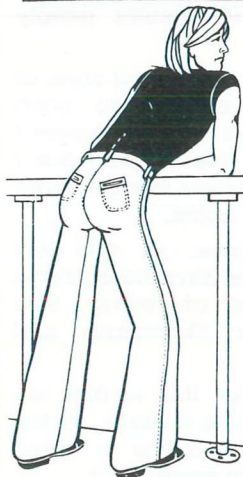
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**PAUL GARNER** — Joined Sheffield United initially on a month's loan from Huddersfield Town, but in December, 1975, signed permanent forms. Has been regular choice full back and has on several occasions deputised as team captain.

**GARY HAMSON** — A Nottingham young player who was born in Risley. Joined United as an apprentice player in July, 1976, quickly matured and was signed as a contract player in November, 1976. A left sided midfield player and good competitor.

**MICK SPEIGHT** — Born at Upton Nr. Barnsley, Mick has proved an outstanding discovery since his decision to sign schoolboy forms and then apprentice professional in December, 1967. Has played regularly in first team. Last season unfortunately had a series of bad injuries and had a cartilage removed.

**KEITH EDWARDS** — Came to Sheffield United as a triallist for three months in September, 1975. Signed full-time forms in December, 1975, and made his first-team debut at Leicester in the F.A. Cup in January, 1976. Made his League debut in March against Wolves. Now a regular first-team player.

**IAN HAMILTON** — Signed for Sheffield United in July, 1976, from Aston Villa. Can play midfield or striker. Has previous League experience with Southend and Chelsea. A very good player and was a regular member of the first team last season, scored 7 goals.

**STEVE CONROY** — Joined Sheffield United in July, 1972, as apprentice professional. Signed full time forms in December, 1974, and has been regular second-team keeper for all of last season.

**EDDIE COLQUHOUN** — Born in Prestonpans and had experience with Bury and West Brom before United signed him in October, 1968. Missed an appearance in the F.A. Cup Final with West Brom because of injury, but with United gained full Scottish honours and holds eight caps.

**JOHN CUTBUSH** — Joined Sheffield United from Fulham on loan in March, 1977. Signed in April, 1977. Born in Larkfield, Kent, signed as an apprentice player with Tottenham Hotspur and later as a professional. A very quick and sound player, also a very useful cricketer.

**COLIN FRANKS** — Signed from Watford in June, 1973. Winner of a number of sprint championships in the London area. Usually plays in defence but has played at centre forward. A regular first-team player last season.

**TONY KENWORTHY** — Signed apprentice professional in April, 1975, after playing for Leeds Schoolboys and Yorkshire Boys. Just one year after signing he made his first team debut at Norwich on 3rd April, and has since been a regular member of the first-team squad. Current England Youth International and captained side in recent Tournament in Monaco.

**DENNIS LONGHORN** — An experienced midfielder player signed from Sunderland in November, 1976. Has had previous league experience with Mansfield Town. A regular first-team player last season.

**CHRIS. GUTHRIE** — United's most expensive signing, reported to have cost £100,000 when signed from Southend United at the end of the 1974-75 season. Originally with Newcastle and Southend. During last season has suffered with a troublesome thigh injury — now fully fit.



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# Today's Visitors

Sheffield United manager Jimmy Sirrel spent most of last season re-organising the Blades' side following the club's relegation from the First Division.

In the short term this led to considerable disappointments for Bramall Lane fans — the club finished in mid-table and took early exits from both Cups — but this season they should begin to reap the rewards for their patience.

Several older stalwarts remain to give the new side stability. Men like Scottish internationals Jim Brown and Eddie Colquhoun, plus Colin Franks, look likely to remain key figures in defence.

Goalkeeper Brown has missed only five League games since he joined the club from Chesterfield in 1974 and was ever-present last season.

Colquhoun, capped nine times by Scotland, has been with the club for nine years following service at Bury and W.B.A. He could be playing in the middle of the defence with either Colin Franks or Tony Kenworthy.

Franks was the right-back for most of last season but, when the Blades secured the transfer of John Cutbush from Fulham, he moved into the middle of the back four to enable the new man to play in his customary position.

Indeed, at the tail end of the campaign, Franks moved up to play centre-forward as he maintained an ever-present record.

Tony Kenworthy gained one of the central defensive places at the beginning of the season and appeared in 36 League matches so he is evidently going to be in line for selection this season.

Another younger player who could be given further opportunities in the middle is Steve Faulkner who has played a handful of matches over the past five years.

The full-backs will almost certainly be John Cutbush and Paul Garner, the former Huddersfield player.

The midfield trio may well be Dennis Longhorn, Gary Hamson and Simon Stainrod. Longhorn, who joined the Blades from Sunderland last season, formerly played for Bournemouth and Mansfield. Both Hamson and Stainrod are products of the club's junior teams.

Keith Edwards enjoyed a wonderful first season in the side last term when he finished top scorer with 18 goals. Alan Woodward, who is due to celebrate his 150th League goal any day, continued to add to his tally with 10 last season.

Chico Hamilton could be the third forward unless Mr. Sirrell decides to give further opportunities to Steve McKee, a winger he signed from Irish club Linfield for £30,000 last season. Bobby Campbell, the former Villa player, was recently signed from Huddersfield and could be in the side today.

Last season the Blades threw a spanner in our promotion works when they beat us 2-1 at Burnden Park over Easter. Earlier in the season we had beaten them 3-2 at Bramall Lane.

It is imperative that Sheffield United get back into the First Division football as soon as possible, not only for the reputation of this once-famous soccer city — which, with Wednesday in the Third Division, has never known such a depressing time — but also because of the club's heavy commitment for ground improvements.

It is sad to record that it is now 41 years since either of the great Sheffield clubs won a major honour. That was when Wednesday beat W.B.A. 1-0 in the F.A. Cup final.

United's last big success was back in 1925 when they beat Cardiff 1-0 at Wembley. A revival of soccer fortunes is long overdue, then, in this city of steel.

It could be on the way at Bramall Lane, though fans may need to exercise yet more patience before the Blades take the first step back to former glories by reclaiming their place in Division One.

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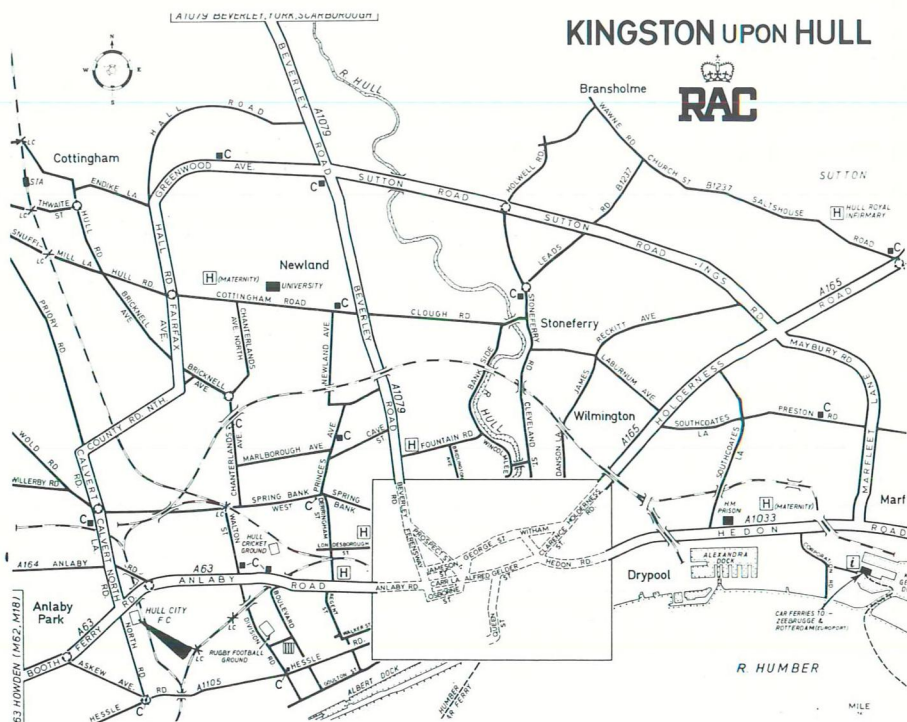
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| Jan. | 2—Burnley          |
| ..   | 14—EVERTON         |
| ..   | 21—Sheffield Utd.  |
| Feb. | 4—NOTTINGHAM F.    |
| ..   | 11—West Brom. A.   |
| ..   | 18—Aston Villa     |
| ..   | 25—STOKE CITY      |
| Mar. | 7—PRESTON N.E.     |
| ..   | 11—Wolves          |
| ..   | 18—Manchester City |
| ..   | 25—Bury            |
| ..   | 27—BLACKPOOL       |
| Apr. | 1—Coventry City    |
| ..   | 4—SHEFFIELD WED.   |
| ..   | 8—LEEDS UTD.       |
| ..   | 15—Derby County    |
| ..   | 22—BLACKBURN R.    |
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 H—Norwich v Q.P.R.  
 I—Nottm Forest v Derby  
 J—West Ham v Man City  
 K—Wolves v Arsenal  
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 N—Brighton v Millwall  
 O—Bristol Rovers v Fulham  
 P—Charlton v Blackpool  
 Q—Crystal Palace v Hull  
 R—Oldham v Luton  
 S—Southampton v Mansfield  
 T—Stoke v Burnley  
 U—Sunderland v Orient  
 V—Spurs v Notts County  
 W—  
 X—Exeter v Bury

# WANDERERS

Shirts: White

Shorts: Blue

1. McDONAGH, Jim
2. RITSON, John
3. DUNNE, Tony
4. GREAVES, Roy
5. WALSH, Mike
6. ALLARDYCE, Sam
7. MORGAN, Willie
8. WHATMORE, Neil
9. TRAIN, Ray
10. REID, Peter
11. THOMPSON, Peter

Sub.:

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4. SPEIGHT, Mick
5. COLQUHOUN, Eddie
6. FRANKS, Colin
7. WOODWARD, Alan
8. CAMPBELL, Bobby
9. EDWARDS, Keith
10. HAMSON, Gary
11. HAMILTON, Ian

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